CERTIFICATE

To the Clerk of Hodgeman, State of Kansas
We, the undersigned, officers of
HorseThief Reservoir Benefit District

certify that: (1) the hearing mentioned in the attached publication was held; (2) after the Budget Hearing this budget was duly approved and adopted maximum expenditures for the various funds for the year 2022; and (3) the Amount(s) of 2021 Ad Valorem Tax are within statutory limitations for the 2022 Budget.

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Fund **K.S.A.**				
General Fund	5	655,980		
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Totals	xxxxxxxxx	655,980	0	
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Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate				

County Clerk's Use Only

Nov. 1, 2021 Total Assessed Valuation

Assisted by:
Kennedy McKee & Company LLP

Address:
1100 W Frontview
Dodge City, KS 67801
Email:
jhendrickson@kmc-cpa.com

Attest: Sept 30, 2021

County Clerk

Governing Body

CPA Summary
No assurance provided

HorseThief Reservoir Benefit District
Hodgeman

2022

Allocation of MV, RV, 16/20M, Commercial Vehicle, and Watercraft Tax Estimates

2021 Budgeted Funds	Tax Levy Amount in 2021 Budget	Allocation for Year 2022				
		MVT	RVT	16/20M Veh	Comm Veh	Watercraft
General	0	0	0	0	0	0
Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0

County Treas Motor Vehicle Estimate 0

County Treas Recreational Vehicle Estimate 0

County Treas 16/20M Vehicle Estimate 0

County Treas Commercial Vehicle Tax Estimate 0

County Treas Watercraft Tax Estimate 0

MVT Factor 0.00000

RVT Factor 0.00000

16/20M Factor 0.00000

Comm Veh Facto 0.00000

Watercraft Factor 0.00000

2022

HorseThief Reservoir Benefit District
Hodgeman

Schedule of Transfers

Expenditure Fund Transferred From:	Receipt Fund Transferred To:	Actual Amount for 2020	Current Amount for 2021	Proposed Amount for 2022	Transfers Authorized by Statute
Sales Tax Revenue	General Fund	200,000	200,000	-	KSA 82a-2208
Sales Tax Revenue	Mangmnt & Op Reserv	500,000	500,000	4,198,020	KSA 82a-2208
Sales Tax Revenue	Debt Service	1,098,656	422,725	-	KSA 82a-2208
Sales Tax Revenue	Operating Fund	100,000	100,000	-	KSA 82a-2208
Operating Fund	General Fund	100,000	100,000	35,171	KSA 82a-2208
Debt Service Reserve	Debt Service	-	650,505	-	KSA 82a-2208
	Totals	1,998,656	1,973,230	4,233,191	
	Adjustments*		1,973,230	4,233,191	
	Adjusted Totals	1,998,656	0	0	

*Note: Adjustments are required only if the transfer is being made in 2021 and/or 2022 from a non-budgeted fund.

HorseThief Reservoir Benefit District
Hodgeman

2022

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

Type of Debt	Date of Issue	Interest Rate %	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding Jan 1,2021	Date Due		Amount Due 2021		Amount Due 2022	
					Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal
General Obligation:										
Total G.O.				0			0	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds:										
Series 2013	5/1/2013	2.95	2,100,000	1,050,000	6/1, 12/1	6/1, 12/1	23,231	1,050,000	0	0
Total Revenue				1,050,000			23,231	1,050,000	0	0
Other:										
Total Other				0			0	0	0	0
Total				**1,050,000**			**23,231**	**1,050,000**	**0**	**0**

STATEMENT OF CONDITIONAL LEASE-PURCHASE AND CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION*

Items Purchased	Contract Date	Term of Contract (Months)	Interest Rate %	Total Amount Financed (Beginning Principal)	Principal Balance On Jan 1,2021	Payments Due 2021	Payments Due 2022
			Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

***If you are merely leasing/renting with no intent to purchase, do not list--such transactions are not lease-purchases.

FUND PAGE FOR FUNDS WITH NO TAX LEVY

Adopted Budget **General Fund**	Prior Year Actual for 2020	Current Year Estimate for 2021	Proposed Budget Year for 2022
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	688,721	696,375	667,786
Receipts:			
State Grants	20,000	46,625	20,000
Private Grants	0	0	0
Walk-In Hunting	6,330	6,330	6,330
Park Fees	189,222	175,000	180,000
Donations	10,327	5,250	0
Event Fees	9,902	6,500	6,500
Reimbursements	2,127	0	0
Transfer from Sales Tax Revenue	200,000	200,000	0
Transfer from Operating Fund	100,000	100,000	35,171
Interest on Idle Funds	6,819	7,000	7,000
Miscellaneous	882		
Does misc. exceed 10% of Total Receipts			
Total Receipts	**545,609**	**546,705**	**255,001**
Resources Available:	**1,234,330**	**1,243,080**	**922,787**
Expenditures:			
Personal Services	195,464	184,844	230,500
Commodities	27,527	35,300	36,350
Contractual Services	154,709	159,350	164,130
Capital Outlay	160,255	195,800	225,000
Cash Forward (2022 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does misc. exceed 10% Total Expenditure			
Total Expenditures	**537,955**	**575,294**	**655,980**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	696,375	667,786	266,807
2020/2021/2022 Budget Authority Amour	677,808	791,448	655,980

Adopted Budget **Debt Service**	Prior Year Actual for 2020	Current Year Estimate for 2021	Proposed Budget Year for 2022
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	2,417	1	0
Receipts:			
Transfer from Sales Tax Revenue Fund	1,098,656	422,725	0
Transfer from Debt Service Reserve	0	650,505	0
Interest on Idle Funds			
Miscellaneous	3,134	0	0
Does misc. exceed 10% of Total Receipts			
Total Receipts	**1,101,790**	**1,073,230**	**0**
Resources Available:	**1,104,207**	**1,073,231**	**0**
Expenditures:			
Principal	1,050,000	1,050,000	0
Interest	54,206	23,231	0
Commission	0	0	0
Cash Forward (2022 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does misc. exceed 10% Total Expenditure			
Total Expenditures	**1,104,206**	**1,073,231**	**0**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	1	0	0
2020/2021/2022 Budget Authority Amour	1,104,706	1,073,731	0

CPA Summary
No assurance provided

HorseThief Reservoir Benefit District **NON-BUDGETED FUNDS** 2022

(Only the actual budget year for 2020 is to be shown)

Non-Budgeted Funds

(1) Fund Name:		(2) Fund Name:		(3) Fund Name:		(4) Fund Name:		(5) Fund Name:		
Sales Tax Revenue		**Management & Operati**		**Operating Fund**		**Debt Service Reserve**		**0**		
Unencumbered		Unencumbered		Unencumbered		Unencumbered		Unencumbered		Total
Cash Balance Jan 1	2,111,017	Cash Balance Jan 1	2,593,001	Cash Balance Jan 1	34,996	Cash Balance Jan 1	650,707	Cash Balance Jan 1		5,389,721
Receipts:		Receipts:		Receipts:		Receipts:		Receipts:		
Sales Tax	2,592,068	Transfer to:		Transfer to:		Investment Income	-702			
Investment Income	8,066	Sales Tax Revenue	500,000	Sales Tax Revenue	100,000					
		Investment Income	19,562	Investment Income	175					
Total Receipts	2,600,134	Total Receipts	519,562	Total Receipts	100,175	Total Receipts	-702	Total Receipts	0	3,219,169
Resources Available:	4,711,151	Resources Available:	3,112,563	Resources Available:	135,171	Resources Available:	650,005	Resources Available:	0	8,608,890
Expenditures:		Expenditures:		Expenditures:		Expenditures:		Expenditures:		
Transfer to:				Transfer to:						
General Fund	200,000			General Fund	100,000					
Management &										
Operating Res	500,000									
Debt Service	1,098,656									
Operating Fund	100,000									
Total Expenditures	1,898,656	Total Expenditures	0	Total Expenditures	100,000	Total Expenditures	0	Total Expenditures	0	1,998,656
Cash Balance Dec 31	2,812,495	Cash Balance Dec 31	3,112,563	Cash Balance Dec 31	35,171	Cash Balance Dec 31	650,005	Cash Balance Dec 31	0	6,610,234 **
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** Note: These two block figures should agree.

CPA Summary
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State of Kansas
Special District
2022

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of

HorseThief Reservoir Benefit District

Hodgeman

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Debt Service	1,104,206		1,073,231				
Non-Budgeted Funds	1,998,656						
Totals	3,640,817	0.000	1,648,525	0.000	655,980	0	0.000
*Revenue Neutral Rate***							*0.000*
Less: Transfers	1,998,656		0		0		
Net Expenditures	1,642,161		1,648,525		655,980		
Total Tax Levied	0		0		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	0		0		0		

Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1,

	2019	2020	2021
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds	5,000,000	2,100,000	1,050,000
Other	0	0	0
Lease Pur. Princ.	0	0	0
Total	5,000,000	2,100,000	1,050,000

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.

***Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by 2021 Kansas Senate Bill 13.*

Rebecca Wyatt
Assistant Manager

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF FINNEY COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Thomas W. Talbott, deceased (Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59) Case No. 2021-PR-000071

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on September 3, 2021, a petition for issuance of letters of administration was filed by Colby Talbott, an heir of Thomas W. Talbott, deceased, requesting petitioner be appointed as administrator and petitioner be granted letters of administration.

You are required to file your written defenses to the petition on or before the 30th day of September, 2021 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the district court, Garden City, Finney County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within the latter of four (4) months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or, if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, thirty (30) days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Colby Talbott, Petitioner

Michael E. Collins, SC# 07384
HOPE, MILLS, BOLIN, COLLINS & RAMSEY LLP
607 N. Seventh, P.O. Box 439
Garden City, Kansas 67846
Phone: (620) 276-3203
Attorneys for Petitioner

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF FINNEY COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Robert Lee Rose, deceased (Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59) Case No. 2021-PR-000070

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on September 1, 2021, a petition for probate of will and issuance of letters testamentary was filed by Ginger L. Sundell, a devisee and legatee and executor named in the last will and testament of Robert Lee Rose, deceased, dated August 31, 2016, requesting the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; petitioner be appointed as executor without bond; petitioner be granted letters testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses to the petition on or before October 4th, 2021, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. in the district court, Garden City, Finney County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

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Ginger L. Sundell, Petitioner

Michael E. Collins, SC# 07384
HOPE, MILLS, BOLIN, COLLINS & RAMSEY LLP
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF FINNEY COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Interest/Matter of Julian Sanchez	Case No. 2020-JC-000078-JG
In the Interest/Matter of Erik D Sanchez	Case No. 2020-JC-000077-JG
In the Interest/Matter of Maleigha B Beltran	Case No. 2020-JC-000076-JG

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Beatriz Beltran, mother of the above-named children and all other interested parties and persons who are or may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court alleging that the children named above are Children In Need of Care. The Court may find that the parents are unfit by reason or conduct or condition which renders the parents unable to care properly for children, the conduct or condition is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future, the parental rights of the parent should be terminated, and permanent custodian should be appointed for the child.

A Motion has been filed in this Court requesting that the Court find that parental rights to the above-named children shall be terminated, and that disposition will be had immediately following the hearing on said Motion to Terminate Parental Rights.

You are required to appear before this Court at 09:00 AM on the 23rd day of September 2021, at the Finney County Courthouse, Hutchison Courtroom, Garden City, Kansas, or prior to that time file your written response to the pleading with the Clerk of this Court. If, after children have been adjudged to be children in need of care and the Court finds a parent or parents to be unfit, the Court may make an order permanently terminating the parental rights.

Lara K Blake Bors, an attorney, has been appointed as Guardian Ad Litem for the Child. Each parent or other legal custodian of the Children has the right to appear and be heard personally either with or without an attorney. The Court will appoint an attorney for a parent who is financially unable to hire one. An attorney has been appointed for you.

Kenneth Estes, 212 W Pine Street, Garden City, KS 67846, Attorney for Mother

Christine Blake
Clerk of the District Court

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REMINDERS

• Light pruning of shrubs and trees where 10% or less of the plant is removed can be done any time of year. Heavier pruning should be done in the spring if possible.

• Too late to spray for bagworms but can pull them off and dispose of them if practical.

Fall Lawn Seeding Tips

The keys to successful lawn seeding are proper rates, even dispersal, good seed to soil contact, and proper watering. Evenness is best achieved by carefully calibrating the seeder or by adjusting the seeder to a low setting and making several passes to ensure even distribution. Seeding a little on the heavy side with close overlapping is better than missing areas altogether, especially for the bunch-type tall fescue, which does not spread. Multiple seeder passes in opposite directions should help avoid this problem.

A more serious error in seeding is using the improper rate. For tall fescue, aim for 6 to 8 pounds of seed per 1,000 square feet for new areas and about half as much for overseeding or seeding areas in the shade.

Kentucky bluegrass is much smaller seed so less is needed for establishment. Use 2 to 3 pounds of seed per 1,000 square feet for a new lawn and half that for overseeding or shady areas.

Using too much seed results in a lawn more prone to disease and damage from stress. The best way to avoid such a mistake is to determine the square footage of the yard first, and then calculate the amount of seed. Using too little seed can also be detrimental and result in clumpy turf that is not as visually pleasing.

Establishing good seed to soil contact is essential for good germination rates. Slit seeders achieve good contact at the time of seeding by dropping seed directly behind the blade that slices a furrow into the soil. Packing wheels then follow to close the furrow. The same result can be accomplished by using a verticut before broadcasting the seed, and then verticutting in a different direction a second time.

Core aerators can also be used to seed grass. Go over an area at least three times in different directions, and then broadcast the seed. Germination will occur in the aeration holes. Because those holes stay moister than a traditional seedbed, this method requires less watering.

If the soil that has been worked by a rototiller, firm the soil with a roller or lawn tractor and use light hand raking to mix the seed into the soil. A leaf rake often works better than a garden rake because it mixes seed more shallowly.

Water newly planted areas lightly, but often. Keep soil constantly moist but not waterlogged. During hot days, a new lawn may need to be watered three times a day. If watered less, germination will be slowed. Cool, calm days may require watering only every couple of days. As the grass plants come up, gradually decrease watering to once a week if there is no rain. Let the plants tell you when to water. If you can push the blades down and they don't spring back up quickly, the lawn needs water. Once seed sprouts, try to minimize traffic (foot, mower, dog, etc.) seeded areas receive until the seedlings are a little more robust and ready to be mowed. Begin mowing once seedlings reach 3 to 4 inches tall. (Ward Upham)

Overseeding a Lawn

Tall fescue lawns that have become thin over the summer can be thickened up by overseeding during September. Start by mowing the grass short (1 to 1.5 inches) and removing the clippings. This will make it easier to achieve good seed-soil contact and increase the amount of light that will reach the young seedlings.

Good seed-soil contact is vital if the overseeding is to be successful. Excess thatch can prevent seed from reaching the soil and germinating. Normally we want 1/4 inch of thatch or less when overseeding. If the thatch layer is 3/4 inch or more, it is usually easiest to use a sod cutter to remove it and start over with a new lawn. A power rake can be used to reduce a thatch layer that is less than 3/4 inch but more than a quarter inch.

Once thatch is under control, the soil should be prepared for the seed. This can be done in various ways. For small spots, a hand rake can be used to roughen up the soil before the seed is applied.

A verticut machine has solid vertical blades that can be set to cut furrows in the soil. It is best to go two different directions with the machine. A slit seeder is a verticut machine with a seed hopper added so the soil prep and seeding operation are combined. Another option is to use a core aerator.

The core aerator will punch holes in the soil and deposit the soil cores on the surface of the ground. Each hole produces an excellent environment for seed germination and growth. Make three to four passes with the core aerator to ensure enough holes for the seed. Using a core aerator has the additional benefit of reducing the amount of watering needed to get the seed germinated and growing. Aeration also increases the water infiltration rate, decreases compaction, and increases the amount of oxygen in the soil.

Of the three methods, I prefer the slit seeder for obtaining good seed/soil contact. However, if watering is difficult, core aeration may be a better option. Regardless of method used, fertilizer should be applied at the rate suggested by a soil test, or a starter fertilizer should be used at the rate suggested on the bag. (Ward Upham)

Give Cool-Season Grasses a Boost

September is almost here and that means it is prime time to fertilize your tall fescue or Kentucky bluegrass lawns. If you could only fertilize your cool-season grasses once per year, this would be the best time to do it.

These grasses are entering their fall growth cycle as days shorten and temperatures moderate (especially at night). Cool-season grasses naturally thicken up in the fall by tillering (forming new shoots at the base of existing plants) and, for bluegrass, spreading by underground stems called rhizomes. Consequently, September is the most important time to fertilize these grasses.

Apply 1 to 1.5 pounds of actual nitrogen per 1,000 square feet. The settings recommended on lawn fertilizer bags usually result in about 1 pound of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet. We recommend a quick-release source of nitrogen at this time. Most fertilizers sold in garden centers and department stores contain either quick-release nitrogen or a mixture of quick- and slow-release. Usually only lawn fertilizers recommended for summer use contain slow-release nitrogen. Any of the others should be quick-release.

The second most important fertilization of cool-season grasses also occurs during the fall. A November fertilizer application will help the grass green up earlier next spring and provide the nutrients needed until summer. It also should be quick-release applied at the rate of 1-pound actual nitrogen per 1,000 square feet. (Ward Upham)

Power Raking and Core-Aeration

September is the optimum time to power rake or core-aerate tall fescue and Kentucky bluegrass lawns. These grasses should be coming out of their summer doldrums and beginning to grow more vigorously. This is a good time to consider what we are trying to accomplish with these practices.

Power raking is primarily a thatch control operation. It can be excessively damaging to the turf if not done carefully. For lawns with one-half inch of thatch or less, I don't recommend power raking but rather core aeration. For those who are unsure what thatch is, it is a springy layer of light-brown organic matter that resembles peat moss and is located above the soil but below the grass foliage. Power raking pulls up an incredible amount of material that then must be dealt with by composting or discarding.

Core-aeration is a much better practice for most lawns. By removing cores of soil, core-aeration relieves compaction, hastens thatch decomposition, and improves water, nutrient, and oxygen movement into the soil profile. This operation should be performed when the soil is just moist enough so that it crumbles easily when worked between the fingers. Enough passes should be made so that the holes are spaced about 2 to 3 inches apart. Ideally, the holes should penetrate 2.5 to 3 inches deep. The cores can be left on the lawn to fall apart naturally (a process that usually takes two or three weeks, depending on soil-type), or they can be broken up with a power rake set just low enough to nick the cores, and then dragged with a section of chain-link fence or a steel doormat. The intermingling of soil and thatch is beneficial to the lawn. (Ward Upham)

Preparing the Vegetable Garden for Next Year

If there are areas of the garden that are done producing, chop and shred residue in preparation for tilling. If soils are wet, wait a few days so the soil is no longer muddy. Tilling in residue allows plant material to decompose and helps reduce insect and disease problems for the next year.

Also consider using a cover crop to hold the soil and increase the organic matter content of the soil. Small gains such as wheat should be seeded at 3/4 to 1 pound of seed per 1,000 square feet from mid-September to late October. Spring oats can also be seeded until mid-September but the rate should be 2 to 4 pounds per 1,000 square feet. Spring oats will winter kill and can be tilled under in the spring.

Legume cover crops such as hairy vetch, alfalfa and sweetclover provide an additional benefit by 'fixing' nitrogen, thereby increasing fertility of the soil. Each of these should be seeded at about 1/4 to ½ pound of seed per 1,000 square feet of garden. Sweetclover should be seeded from August to early September and hairy vetch and alfalfa from mid-August to late September. (Ward Upham)

Fall Webworm

The second generation of the fall webworm, Hyphantria cunea, is now present throughout most of Kansas with webs present on certain trees such as hickory and walnut. Fall webworm nests are noticeable, with silk webbing enclosing the ends of branches and foliage or leaves. Fall webworm larvae or caterpillars are palegreen, yellow to nearly white, with two black spots on each abdominal segment. Caterpillars are covered with long, white hairs. Fall webworm caterpillars feed on a wide range of trees, including: birch, crabapple, maples, hickory, pecan, mulberry, and walnut. Fall webworm caterpillars, unlike caterpillars associated with the eastern tent caterpillar, Malacosoma americanum, remain within the enclosed webbing and do not venture out to feed.

Caterpillars consume leaves, resulting in naked branches with webbing attached, which contains fecal deposits (frass) or 'caterpillar poop'. These nests will eventually dry-up as the caterpillars transition into pupae, with adults eventually enclosing (emerging) from the pupae later on in the growing season.

Feeding by fall webworm caterpillars at this time of year is typically not directly harmful to trees—especially larger trees. The most effective method of dealing with fall webworm infestations is to prune out the webs that enclose the caterpillars, place into a plastic bag, and dispose of immediately. Insecticide sprays are not be effective because the caterpillars remain in the webbing while feeding; thus reducing exposure to spray residues. If insecticides need to be applied, use high-volume spray applications that penetrate the protective webbing, or use a rake to disrupt or open-up the webbing so that the insecticide spray contacts the caterpillars. (Raymond Cloyd)

Composting Tips

Following are some tips for having a successful composting experience.

• The compost pile will heat up and then cool. Turn the pile by moving material from the outside of the pile to the inside. The pile will again heat and then cool. The compost is ready once the pile has cooled a second time.

• The top of the compost pile should be dish-shaped so that water soaks in.

• Try to place the compost pile near a water source so water can be easily added.

• Shredding materials before adding them to the pile will speed up the composting process.

• Do not add fats or meat as this will attract wildlife.

• Do not add grass clippings that have been treated with crabgrass killers. If treated with crabgrass preventers or dandelion killers, the clipping can be added to compost after three mowings. (Ward Upham)

Lawn Calendar

by Emily Halstead, K-State Research and Extension news writer

Keeping a healthy home lawn can be difficult for those who are not well versed in horticulture and lawn care. Kansas State University horticulture specialist Ward Upham shared his tips for maintaining a healthy lawn in Kansas.

"We live in a transition zone where we are too warm to grow cool-season grasses well, while also being too cold to grow warm season grasses well," Upham said.

Some examples are fescue and Kentucky bluegrass which are cool-season grasses; and bermudagrass, zoysia and buffalo grass, which are warm-season grasses.

While buffalo grass may not always grow well in Kansas, it is one of the most popular turfgrass species in the state, along with tall fescue Upham said.

"Buffalo grass has become more popular in recent years due to its reputation as a low maintenance grass," Upham said.

Upham gave some tips and things to look out for in home lawns in fall, winter, spring and next summer.

Fall

Get ready to fertilize in September and early November for cool-season grasses.

If broadleaf weeds are an issue, spray for them in late October. Treat on a day that is at least 50 degrees Fahrenheit and do not irrigate within 24 hours.

Winter

Winter is the time for dormant overseeding, if there is a need to fill in bare spots that were not overseeded in the fall.

Dormant overseeding can be effective for cool-season grasses when done in small areas of a lawn from December through February.

Spring

Crabgrass preventer can be applied between April 1 and April 15. If using a product that contains prodiamine, the preventer should be applied two weeks earlier.

For crabgrass preventers to work, they must be watered in, meaning the product must be washed into the soil either by rain or watering.

If broadleaf weeds are still an issue in the spring, spot treatment can be helpful.

Summer

June is a good time to aerate warm-season lawns.

Late July through August is the best time to apply a grub killer if experiencing grub damage.

"Summertime is very difficult for cool-season grasses because they do not have the heat or moisture stress tolerance that warm season grasses have," Upham said.

He added that lawn care in Kansas can be tricky, but K-State Research and Extension has many helpful publications, and experts to answer questions.

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